

July 23, 2008



Dear Colleagues,

This is your personal invitation to impact the students we teach on a daily basis. Our “Success Journeys” have had such a positive effect on our students. This year, we are changing the format slightly.

Each teacher will have the opportunity to complete home visits between now and August 29 at the convenience of both you and the students that you visit.

We encourage the buddy system in this journey; each member will be responsible for visiting a minimum of two different households. Since our goal has been to close the achievement gap, we will be visiting our “Targeted Population” students. This visit is to build “positive” relationships with your new students and their families and welcome them back to school.

To sign up, please contact your building principal. The principal will have a listing of students from which to make your selections. The building principal must approve your selections before your “Success Journeys”. You can then schedule a specific time to meet with the student and family. This could be during the day prior to school starting, after school, or on a Saturday — the choice of time and date is up to you.

“Goody” bags will be provided by the Board of Education for you to take with you. Bags will be available at each school beginning on Monday, July 28. We had wonderful participation last year and I hope we will have the same this year.

As in previous years, your participation in the “Success Journeys” is voluntary. If you complete the home visits and one three-hour Parent-Teacher conference session in September, you will be paid an additional day of salary. In the event you choose not to go on the home visits, your Parent-Teacher Conferences would remain the same. If you have any questions, please contact your principal or myself.

Sincerely,

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